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Vader water system customers advised to boil water

OLYMPIA – The state Department of Health is advising customers of the Vader water system in Lewis County to boil their drinking water until further notice. The health advisory is being issued because of a break in one of the city's distribution lines that occurred late last night.

The break caused an outage to about five homes on the system. Service to those homes has been restored. It also caused the entire system to lose pressure, which could allow bacteria and other contaminants to enter the water system. The advisory affects about 600 residents.

The city is working to restore service, disinfect, and flush the system and test water for contaminants. The boil water advisory is likely to last through the holiday weekend until water quality tests show the water is safe to drink.

State health officials advise customers to use boiled or purchased bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice. Tap water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

Vader has been dealing with aging system problems that have caused multiple outages and the need to issue health advisories in the past few years. The department is working with Vader and Lewis County on a long-term solution to their water problems.

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